purposes in the out-patient department, in the Operation Theatre and in the Clinical Laboratory in the General Hospital. Coal gas is also supplied to the Ophthalmic Hospital for the operation room. This supply was started in Mithunam 1112, and was continued in 1113 but it was not possible then to know exactly what amount would be required later on, invoices for the supply of coal gas made to the General Hospital for 1113 was received in Thulam this year. Calculating on this basis, the Superintendent, General Hospital, requires 2,700 Rs. for supply made in 1113 and Rs. 2,800 for 1114. This demand is made for this expenditure. I trust that the House will sanction this additional grant.

PRESIDENT: The question before the House is that a provision of Rs. 5,500 for the supply of coal gas to the General Hospital, Trivandrum, during 1113 and 1114 be sanctioned.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

XI. General Administration.

Mr. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 13,745, under Demand XI, General Administration. This amount is required for payment of water tax to the Trivandrum Municipality, on account of the Public office and allied buildings for the years 1111 to 1114 M. E. The details relating to the assessment of Government buildings, which involved repeated consultation with the Chief Engineer, the Water Works Engineer and the Municipal Council, were settled only towards the close of 1113. It was not, therefore, possible to include the necessary provision in the budget for the current year; and funds are not available for diversion from other sanctioned items. Hence this demand for a supplementary grant. I request the House to vote the amount.

PRESIDENT: The question before the House is that a sum of Rs. 13,745 be granted under 15 A General Administration for payment to the Trivandrum Municipality towards water tax in respect of the public offices and allied buildings for the years 1111 to 1114.

The motion was put and carried.

The grant was made.

XXI. Ayurveda.

Mr. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 1,985 under Demand XXI, Ayurveda, for the construction of two temporary sheds at the Bex Hill Bungalow for the accommodation of the Government Ayurveda College. Due to want of accommodation in the rented buildings at Puthenchanthai where the Government Ayurveda College is at present located it is proposed to shift the College to the Bex Hill Bungalow and its premises. The Bex Hill Bungalow is a Government building, but is not spacious enough to accommodate all the classes. It has therefore been decided to put up two additional temporary sheds in its premises and the grant now asked

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for is to meet the cost of construction of those sheds. They are so designed and constructed that they can be converted into permanent structures when funds permit. I request that the supplementary grant may be sanctioned.

PRESIDENT: The question before the House is that a sum of Rs. 1,985 be granted for the construction of two temporary sheds at the Bex Hill Bungalow for the accommodation of the Government Ayurveda College.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

XXII. FORESTS.

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 60,000 on account of additional expenditure under A—Conservancy and Works.

In order to get into proper alignment with the present lines of progressive development and future trends of scientific forest utilization a re-orientation of Forest policy and practice is essential and indispensable. The Forest Department being a quasi-commercial one, naturally the revenue should be proportionate to the expenditure to be incurred.

The year 1113 was a very favourable year from the revenue point of view. It could be said that it was a record figure when compared with the past 8 years. Naturally the expenditure has increased in proportion to the realisation of revenue.

There were several causes which tended to increase the expenditure under this item. In 1113 the monopoly on royalty was removed and the department was obliged to remove all the exploitable trees from Tract No. 2 in the State which involved additional expenditure of money. We have removed over two lakhs of cubic feet from an extensive area of about 2,500 square miles which cover this tract.

The second reason for the increase of expenditure was that we had to remove teak trees from 700 acres of land surrendered to the Edapalli Chief since the area fell in tract No. 2. The quantity of timber removed was about 1,70,000 cubic feet. The expenditure was not fully provided for when the budget for 1114 was prepared.

The third reason is in connection with the extensive development in electric transmission and distribution and the extension of the Main Telephone Trunk Line. The department had to supply a large number of teak saplings to replace the iron posts which had been imported. It was possible to supply a very large number of saplings which necessitated an expenditure of Rs. 11,500 against Rs. 3,000 budgetted for.

As per the requisitions of the Director of Development large quantities of timber had to be supplied for demonstration of engineering designs and competitive structures of Ascu treated timbers. These works could not be provided for in the budget and therefore have necessitated additional expenditure over the budget provision.

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